

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of Conf. No.: 7885
SUMIKAWA ET AL. Atty. Ref.: 925-330
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Filed: November 22, 2005 Examiner: D'Aniello, N.P.

For: Conductive Ball, Method Of Forming Electrode Of Electronic Part, Electronic Part And Electronic Equipment

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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

ELECTION UNDER 35 USC §121

In response to the Office Action dated May 29, 2009 holding the subject matter of claims 1-11, 15 and 19 to be non-obvious and patentably distinct from that of claims 12-14, 16-18 and 20-22, Applicant(s) hereby elect the invention of Group I, (upon which claims 1-11, 15 and 19 are readable) for further substantive examination.

This election is made without traverse. However, since a restriction requirement is never proper unless the restricted group of claims is patentably distinct (i.e., inter alia, non-obvious under 35 USC §103) from the elected group of claims, the Examiner is requested to insure that such patentable distinctness is present before proceeding to make the requirement final.

It is respectfully requested that the non-elected claims be retained for use with a possible divisional application.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge the undersigned's deposit account #14-1140 in whatever amount is necessary for entry of these papers and the continued pendency of the captioned application.

Respectfully submitted,
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